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Calhoun County seventh in state to offer online tag renewal

New system allows county residents to renew registration and pay tag fees online, without ever leaving the comfort of home

By Matthew Sutton
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Citizens of Calhoun County can now renew their motor vehicle registrations without ever having to leave home.

Barry E. Robertson, Commissioner of Licenses, said that Calhoun County is the seventh county in the state to administer an online tag renewal site and is the first county to accept debit cards over the counter for payment of motor vehicle registration fees and other licensing fees.

The online program went into effect Oct. 1 and has processed about 78 renewals

during its first month. Renewing registration online is not only convenient but also very simple.

First-time user Shane Wiley said, "The process was quick and easy. I renewed my registration, paid online and did not leave my apartment."

The steps to renewing only take a few minutes and can be done anywhere one has access to a computer and the Internet. The cost for the service includes a \$3.50 convenience charge and a \$2.00 mail fee per transaction. These charges are in addition to the regular tag and taxes. Visa and MasterCard are both accepted.



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Calhoun County residents now have the option to renew and pay tag fees online.

Whether you are operating a business, getting married, or planning on going hunting or fishing, you are

required to obtain the proper county and state license. The county directory section online includes links where visitors may find information such as phone numbers and addresses of all federal, state, county and municipal offices located in Calhoun County.

Online purchasing is just one of the many ways that the office of the Commissioner of Licenses is trying to provide more efficient services to the citizens

of Calhoun County. If you are having trouble finding the licensing office, you can find a map with directions on the Web site.

Other helpful links found on the Web site are the State of Alabama Department of Revenue, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, and the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Also available

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University complies with Campus Sex Prevention Act

By Daniel Spratlin
The Chanticleer Contributing Editor

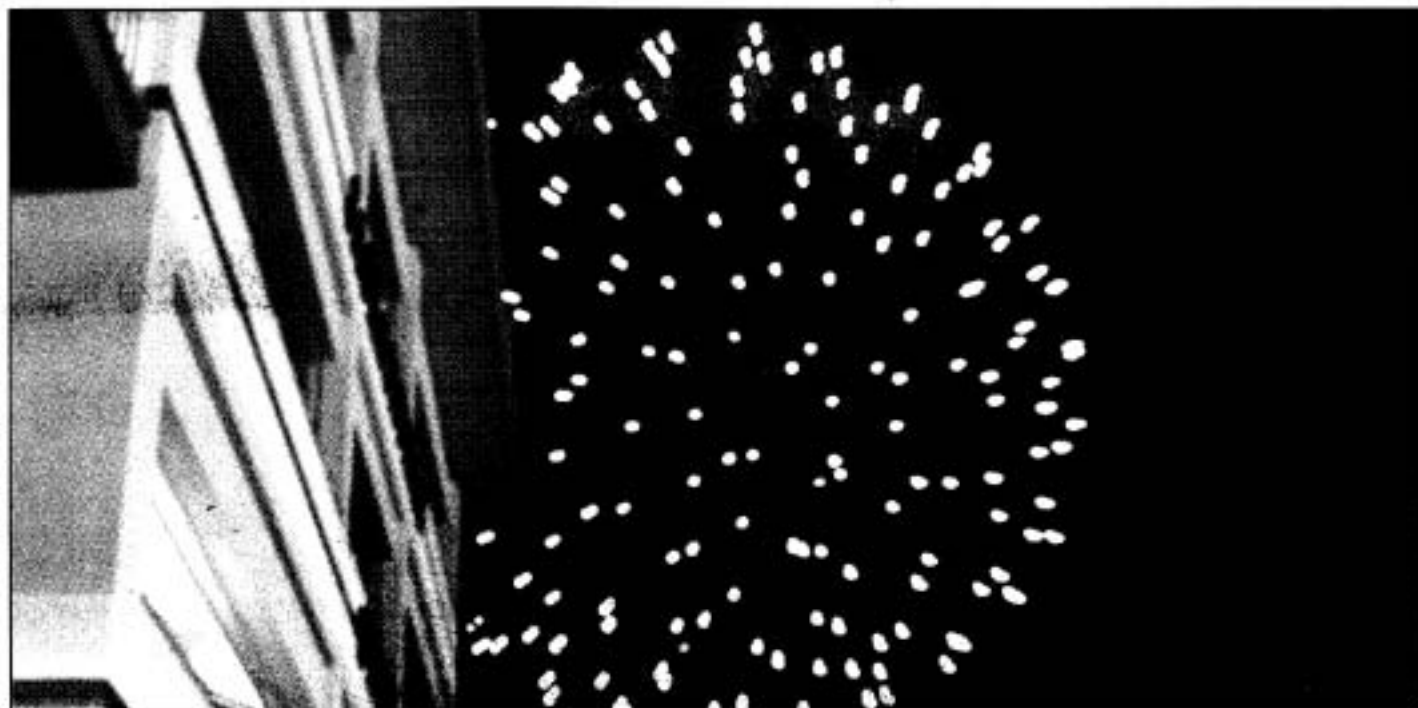
Jail time may remove a sex offender from the streets, but it does nothing to prevent the offender from committing another crime when released.

That is why the Campus

has complied with this law by providing links on their Web site to other state agencies containing a list of sex offenders.

According to the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office Web site, there are five registered sex offenders living within the city

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committing another crime when released.

That is why the Campus Sex Crime Prevention Act (CSCPA), which went into effect on Oct. 28, was created: to alert the campus community of a sex offender who is employed at, carries on a vocation at, or is a student on campus.

The act is an extension of the 1996 Megan's Law, which established a registry for all sex offenders and allowed law enforcement officials to track registered offenders' employment and resident status.

This addition to the law states that an institution of higher learning must issue a statement to the campus community about where to obtain information regarding registered sex offenders in the state. The University

Office web site, there are five registered sex offenders living within the city limits of Jacksonville, and another 39 residing elsewhere in the county.

What the site doesn't provide is information regarding registered sex offenders who are on campus.

The same problem is found on the Alabama Department of Public Safety Web site, the agency charged with controlling the sex offender registry.

Unlike the Calhoun County site, it contains information on all registered sex offenders throughout the state of Alabama. A visitor to the site may search by ZIP code or by county and be shown a list

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The Chanticleer/J. Wilson Guthrie
Fireworks burst over the stadium after Saturday's football game. JSU defeated Eastern Illinois, 36-24.

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SGA surveys 669 students on spring concert

Majority of students surveyed would prefer outdoor concert, \$15 tickets and rock genre



The Chanticleer/Rosalind Moore

Concert committee member Ann Ramsden looks on as JSU student John Adams fills out an SGA concert survey last week.

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Students at JSU were polled last week to determine what they wanted from the SGA concerning a 2004 spring concert.

Madracus Russell, SGA vice president of student activities, stated that "the poll was conducted Monday through Wednesday last week by a concert committee in the TMB food court."

A total of 669 students were polled. That included 179 freshmen, 180 sophomores, 157 juniors, 137 seniors and 10 graduate students.

The first question asked was

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Freshman Forum hosts Involvement Expo

By Rosalind Moore
The Chanticleer News Editor

Monday night, members of the Freshman Forum participated in and hosted an Involvement Expo. The Freshman Forum is a group of first-time freshmen who are selected to be members of an elite organization that serves to get them involved in the Student Government Association.

This group of students serves as the voice of the entire freshman class, and many members, through their development in Freshman

Forum, become leaders and members of various other organizations on campus.

"The purpose of the Involvement Expo was to show the freshmen the open avenues of opportunity that are available to them through extracurricular activities," said Robert Hayes, graduate assistant of Student Life and adviser to the Freshman Forum.

The members heard presentations from various groups, such as the JSU Ambassadors, the Gamecock

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By the numbers:

Cost of full-time in-state tuition at JSU for the spring 1994 semester

\$840

Gamecock Scoreboard:

Football:

Nov. 15 - JSU 36, Eastern Illinois 24
Saturday - at SE Missouri 1 p.m., 91.9 WLJS

Volleyball:

Nov. 15 - JSU 3, Tennessee State 0
Friday - OVC Semifinals at Morehead, Ky. 3:30 p.m.

Men's Basketball:

Saturday - vs. Alabama A&M 7 p.m., 91.9 WLJS
Nov. 24 - vs. Shorter 7 p.m., 91.9 WLJS

Women's Basketball:

Saturday - at Hampton 7 p.m.
Nov. 23 - at James Madison 2 p.m.

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Expo: Freshman Forum members learn value of networking (from page 1)



Amy Yancy, SGA senator, recruiting for collegiate legislature, encourages Freshman Forum members to participate in the annual trip to the capital for debate and learning that occurs in the Spring semester.

Hostesses, collegiate legislature and greek life.

Not only did the freshmen receive general information

about each organization's purpose and service, but they also got a chance to ask questions.

"As an ambassador I have gotten to meet lots of University officials and received various networking opportunities," said Andy Green, a current JSU Ambassador administrator.

The Freshman Forum members learned that networking and being a part of organizations can open many doors.

"Networking was a common theme that prevailed throughout each group that presented," said Hayes. "In any group that we are involved in on this campus or in the workforce, the connections that we make play such a big role in the opportunities we have."

The expo focused on introducing the freshmen to different service organizations on JSU's campus. "It was to also show organizations the outstanding student leaders that will be their pool of applicants in the upcoming selection processes," said Hayes. "It brings organizations to individuals to promote involvement."

Besides grooming students for future leadership, the Freshman Forum also provides activities for their fellow freshmen. The Freshman Forum will kick off its final meeting of the semester with a Pajama Party for all freshmen next Monday, Nov. 24, at 8 p.m. in the TMB 3rd floor auditorium. The party is free of charge.

yes, while 54 said no.

Students were also asked what they were willing to spend on a ticket. Of those polled, 179 students said \$10, 180 said \$15, 160 said \$20, 143 said \$25, and two said \$5. There were also four students who thought they

should pay nothing and one student who was willing to go as high as \$100. The majority of students surveyed would be willing to pay a reasonable price between \$10 and \$20 for a concert ticket.

Next, students were asked when they thought the show should start. Fifteen students said 6 p.m., 290 said 7 p.m. and 358 said 8 p.m. There was one student for both 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. and four who were undecided.

The students were also asked if they would invite friends to come who did not attend JSU; 654 said they would, while 49 said they wouldn't. There was one undecided.

Asked if they would stay in town for a concert on the weekend, 619 students said yes, 49 said no, and one was undecided.

For the final question, students were asked what genre of music they preferred. The survey listed four genres, giving examples of artists that traditionally fall into those particular areas.

Examples of rock included artists such as Dave Matthews

Band, Jimmy Eat World and 3 Doors Down. Rap included artists like Lil' John and The East Side Boyz, Outkast and Nappy Roots. Pop artists included Justin Timberlake, Sheryl Crow, Britney Spears, and country artists included Shania Twain, George Strait and Alan Jackson.

JSU students preferred rock, with 296 votes, while 155 said rap, 30 said pop, 68 said country, and 120 students were undecided. In previous years the SGA has brought acts such as Train, Rascal Flatts, Sister Hazel and Tonic to entertain the JSU masses.

The SGA will be working to provide a concert sometime in the spring semester around early or mid-April. Russell stated in an earlier interview with The Chanticleer that, "We're going to try the best we can to provide what the students want." Russell also said that although they have had this poll and made some calls, no decisions have been made. "The concert stuff is still in the planning stages," said Russell.

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whether the concert should be held indoors or outdoors. Indoors was the preference of

142 students, 519 said outdoors, and eight were undecided.

In previous years, SGA concerts have traditionally been held indoors at Pete Mathews Coliseum. This year's survey

indicates that the majority of students would prefer an outdoor atmosphere.

When JSU students were asked if they would like a concession stand, 562 students said

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **Peer Counselors:** Good Day Gamecocks! Hope you had a great b-day, Emily! If you are interested in becoming part of the 2004 Orientation Team, then you better hurry and come by the Office of Student Life and pick up your application. Applications are due TOMORROW, Nov. 21 at 4:30 p.m. Go Gamecocks! **Contact:** Tim King or Misty Cassell, 782-5491

• **Delta Zeta:** Congrats Gamecock football and volleyball! Welcome newly initiated sisters: Ashley, Bryanna, Danielle, Randi, Sunny, Stacy, Laura and Lindsey. WE LOVE YOU! We had a great time at the Gamecock Gallop Saturday. Thanks Sig Ep for a great mixer!! We're looking forward to the Annual KA Thanksgiving dinner tonight!! **Contact:** Jessie at 435-4366.

• **Beta Beta Beta:** Our annual bake sale will this week, Nov. 17-21 at Martin Hall from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. and on the 4th floor of the TMB from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. We will have fresh cookies, cupcakes, brownies and more! All proceeds help us with our regional conference in April. **Contact:** Allison Odom at 256-390-4281 or jsu_tribeta@hotmail.com.

• **Student Life:** There will be a 2004 Miss JSU Pageant interest meeting today, Nov. 20, at 5 p.m. in the office of Student Life, 402 TMB. Please make plans to attend if you are interested in participating in the pageant. **Contact:** Terry Casey at 782-5491.

• **Marching Southerners:** We would like to thank the SGA for their support all year long. We really appreciate all your hard work and acknowledgement. **Contact:** Erin Chupp at 782-1479.

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• **Marching Southerners:** We would like to thank the SGA for their support all year long. We really appreciate all your hard work and acknowledgement. **Contact:** Erin Chupp at 782-1479.

• **Alpha Xi Delta:** Thank you to all of our new sisters for making us dinner last Thursday. It was wonderful. Amy you did a great job planning Secret Set-up. Sisters of the week: Kasey and Lauren for putting together the dinner. Have a great week. **Contact:** Greta, 782-3386.

• **Zeta Tau Alpha:** Good morning Gamecocks! Congratulations to our new E.C.-we love you all! Thanks to Phi Mu for the great service project yesterday. We are looking forward to AOII's all-sorority mixer tonight. Good luck to our Gamecock football team this weekend! Have a safe and great weekend everyone! **Contact:** Angela Estes, 782-6178 or Anezta@aol.com.

• **Interfraternity Council:** The Interfraternity Council would like to congratulate its newest Executive Officers: Kenny Reighard, President; Dayton Niehuss, VP Judicial Affairs and Risk Management; Amado Ortiz, VP Recruitment; Jeremy Guthrie, Secretary/Treasurer; and Darren Mitchell, Public Relations/ Scholarship. Here is to a great year for the IFC! **Contact:** Megan Radison, 782-5491.

• **Zeta Phi Beta:** The members of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc. would like to invite the women of JSU to our annual Interest Meeting on Nov. 30, 2003. The time is 7:20 p.m., and the place is the Alumni House. Business attire is required. **Contact:** NaTasha Cunningham, 782-7662.

• **Wesley Foundation:** Hey everyone! Here's what is going on during the week at Wesley: Monday at 9 p.m. Worship; Tuesday at 7 p.m. Basketball at FUMC (behind McDonalds); Wednesday at 8:15 p.m. Bible Study; Thursday at 7 p.m. Wesley Night ... FREE FOOD! Everyone is welcome! **Contact:** Penny Ford, 435-2208.

• **Panhellenic Council:** The Panhellenic Council would like to announce its 2004 Recruitment Counselors: Kristi Carter, Heather Clark, Ashley Downing, Leah Goggans, Lindsey Hicks, Brandi Highfield, Lee Johnston, Suzanne Morrow, Stephanie Shourds and Emily Williams. This will be a great year for the Sorority Recruitment! **Contact:** Megan Radison, 782-5491.

• **Sigma Nu:** Sigma Nu would like to thank Megan Radison, assistant director of Student Life, for her help with our LEAD session and officer transition Sunday night. **Contact:** Trey Parrish, 435-9809.

• **Freshman Forum:** Freshman Forum invites all FRESHMEN to put on your PJs and slide into your slippers for a night of food, folks and fun! We will be hosting a Pajama Party mixer on Monday, Nov. 24 at 8 p.m. in the TMB 3rd floor auditorium. **Contact:** Jessica Duncan, reality_check_2003@hotmail.com.

The Chanticleer Announcements Policy: Any JSU student organization or University office may submit items for the Announcements column. Submissions **must** be typed, and must be limited to 50 words. Submissions **must include a name and telephone number or e-mail address to contact for further information**, but this information does not count toward the 50-word total. Submissions **must** arrive at The Chanticleer offices in Room 180, Self Hall by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to the desired publication date.

The Chanticleer reserves the right to refuse publication of any submission for any reason. We also reserve the right to edit submissions for style, brevity, and clarity.

CAMPUS CRIME

There were no incidents reported by the JSUPD this week.

Information in the Campus Crime column is obtained from incident and arrest reports at the JSU Police Department in Salls Hall. These records are public documents which any individual has the right to examine under Alabama state law. If you believe this information to be in error, please call 782-5701, or contact JSUPD at 782-5050.

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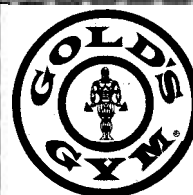
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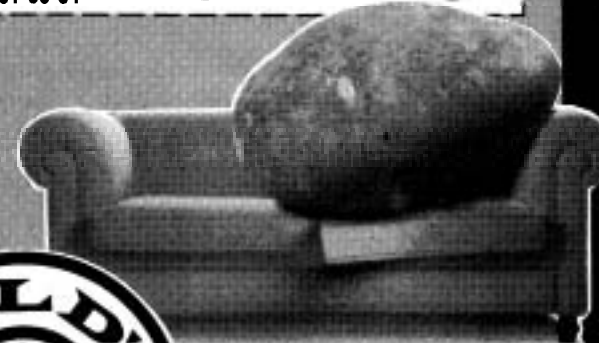
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Act: Campus Sex Act designed for prevention (from page 1)

of all registered sex offenders in that area, their picture, address and other personal information. However, as of date, it does not yet identify them as employees or students of universities.

The law states that, "Any registered offender who is enrolled as a student of any university, college, community college, or other institution of higher education, or is, with or without compensation, a full-time or part-time employee of that university, college, community college, or other institution of higher education, or is carrying on a vocation at the university, college, community college, or other institution of higher education, shall report their status as an employee, student, or carrying on a voca-

Campus Safety Sex Crimes Prevention Act:

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tion to their local law enforcement authority in the area for which they establish residence within this state."

It goes even further by saying, "Upon receipt of this infor-

mation, the local law enforcement authority shall forward this information to the Department of Public Safety and provide notice to the Campus Police or local law

enforcement authority in the jurisdiction where the institution is located, of the fact that this person is a registered sex offender and is employed; a student; or carrying on a vocation within their institution."

If the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office is receiving notice of registered sex offenders residing in Calhoun and then passing that information on to the Department of Public Safety, who, in turn, forwards that information to the University Police Department, there no indication of whether or not a registered sex offender is currently at JSU on either of the Web sites.

All attempts to contact officials by The Chanticleer for questioning on the issue were unsuccessful.

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online is information related to Automobile Registration and Titling, Hunting and Fishing license, Boat Registration, Manufactured Homes, Business and Privilege License, as well as Driver Licenses.

Visitors to the site can also find commonly requested forms such as Replacement Title Applications, Power of Attorney, Bill of Sale and Lifetime Hunting and Fishing Licenses.

"The overall goal of the site is to put people in touch with the Commissioner of Licenses office for obtaining any information they may need," Robertson said. Car

tag renewals are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Commissioner of Licenses Web site at www.calhouncountyal.org.

"I would recommend doing this for anyone renewing their registration or looking for information on any type of licensing they may need," Wiley said.

If you do not have access to a computer, the Internet, or just want to visit the Calhoun County Commissioner of Licenses then visit Barry E. Robertson at 1702 Noble Street, Suite 107, in Anniston, or call 256-241-2900.

Motivational speaker Joe Martin lights fire of purpose under JSU organizations

"When you go back to your organizations, don't just give. Serve with purpose and passion." – Joe Martin, motivational speaker

By Patrick McCreless
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Joe Martin, a motivational speaker, talked at JSU Thursday on improving leadership in student organizations. The two-hour presentation began at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Theron Montgomery Building.

The night began with a list of Martin's accomplishments. He graduated early at the age of 20 at the top of his class. He started his first business at age 22. At age 24, he became the youngest professor ever hired to teach at an accredited university in the state of Florida. He has even created his own Web site, called Real World University, designed in order

to help college students succeed in school and life.

Martin currently serves as a visiting professor and educational consultant at Florida A&M University. After the introduction, however, Martin told the crowd of students not to be impressed with his credentials. "You know what's more important than credentials?" asked Martin. "Somebody's character."

Martin spoke on personal aspects like his childhood, in which he grew up in poverty without a father in the toughest projects in Miami. "What's more impressive," asked Martin, "what I've overcome, or what I've achieved?"

During the main segment of the presentation, representa-

tives from student organizations at JSU were given information on how to get more out of their organizations by finding their purpose. Students from the audience were first asked to list some things that they were tired of that concerned college.

Students listed high tuition, walking and parking among other things that made them tired. When then asked what made them tired when dealing with other students, the audience listed apathy, disrespect and lack of enthusiasm, just to name a few.

Martin then said that other students had given him the same answers, and that one time he had brought that list of student complaints to convicts

in a state prison. He told the audience that "all of them said they would trade places with you tomorrow to have your problems."

Martin also pointed out that not one student would trade places with a prisoner when shown a list of prison complaints. "I'm not saying your problems aren't real, but let's keep things in perspective," said Martin.

"We're so focused on the problems in our lives," he said, "that we lose sight of our purpose." He later stated that a student organization's purpose was not really to have fun, or get professional development or to have something to list on your résumé.

"When you decided to join

your student organization did you realize it was never about you?" asked Martin. He said an organization's true purpose was to serve, and in order to serve effectively, one has to give voluntarily.

Through his lecture he pointed out that by serving the campus and the community to create positive change, you will be making a difference and in turn be getting things like professional development and other accomplishments to list on your résumé.

"Purpose precedes the payoff," said Martin. "When you get back to your organization, don't just give. Serve with purpose and passion."

Audience members had nothing but good things to say

about Martin's presentation. "I thought it was very excellent and interesting," said Robert Alvarado, a student at JSU.

When asked if his fraternity, Tau Sigma Lambda, would institute some changes based on Martin's ideas, Justin Davis said, "I think every organization should go through a little bit of change, and I think he's got a lot of good philosophies."

"It's a lot of stuff that a lot of organizations can get into," said Davis. In order to learn more about Martin's ideas on improving student organizations as well as other topics, visit his Web site at www.professormartin.com.

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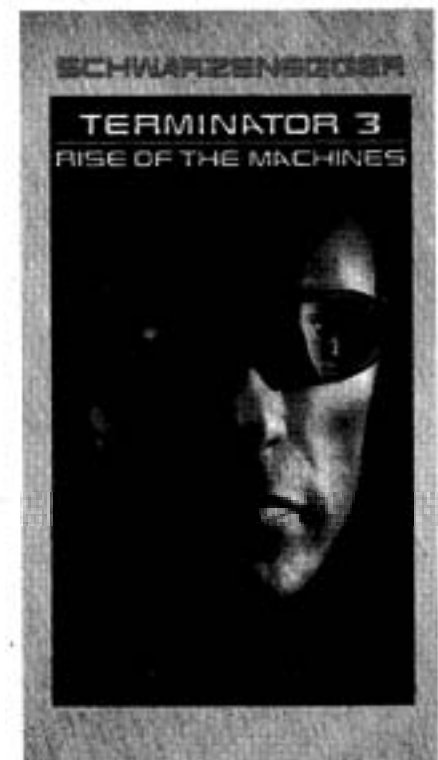
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OPINION

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IN YOUR VIEW: QUESTION OF THE WEEK

"What are your plans for the Thanksgiving holiday?"

— Compiled by
Gary Lewis
Managing Editor



Jeremy Hayes
Junior
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"I plan to enjoy time with family from out of town, and make a little money."



Scott Nelson
Junior
Criminal justice

"Me and my friends from high school have an annual football game called the 'Turkey Bowl.'"

'Gamecock' should be synonymous with victory

Saturday was a beautiful day. The weather was fantastic. The sky was a gorgeous deep blue, and there was just enough of a nip in the air to remind me that this was, in fact, November. Considering that most of my November memories are clouded by overcast skies and chilly temperatures, I have to admit Saturday was a big improvement.

It wasn't all perfect, though. Thanks to a Friday night that ran a few hours later than expected, I slept late Saturday morning. By the time my friends and I got to our usual tailgating space, there was a massive RV sitting there. This is a good problem, I suppose. It means more people are discovering the joys of tailgating at Gamecock football games.

But it was a problem nonetheless. Luckily, we found another spot, secluded in a corner of the tailgating area. An old oak tree provided us plenty

By Gary Lewis
The Chanticleer
Managing Editor



of shade, as long as we didn't mind occasionally being smacked in the head by falling acorns.

Luckily, the food and fellowship more than made up for that minor inconvenience.

Autumns have held a place of honor in my heart for as long as I can remember, but this fall has been truly special. The weekly tailgating ritual has been a big part of that.

Seeing the Gamecocks run over opponent after opponent en route to a conference championship has just been gravy. Some people say, "Roll Tide." Some say, "War Eagle." Still others say, "Sic 'em," followed by a spasm of loud barking noises. Me? I was born to be a

Gamecock.

Oh, I follow the major teams. I follow a complicated hierarchy to choose which team I'll root for any given Saturday. I was sick to my stomach when Auburn lost to Ole Miss last week ... yet I cheered lustily Saturday when I heard that UGA was crushing the Tigers. It gets confusing sometimes, but as long as I'm the only one who needs to understand it, I don't see the point in refining the system. All that matters is that I support JSU above and beyond any other team in this great land of ours. End of story.

It's not just the football team, either. I'm ecstatic that our volleyball team is having their greatest season ever. I was delighted that our soccer team finished third in the conference during what was supposed to be a rebuilding year. The improvement the cross country team has shown this year has

been amazing. I've been watching the rifle team's scores with keen interest, wondering if this will be the year we take it all at the NCAA tourney.

Basically, if someone is out there representing JSU, then I'm interested in their success. I believe it's more than just a vicarious interest. It stems from my decidedly holistic attitude toward life. Anything positive for JSU is, in some small way, positive for me.

When the cheerleaders win trophy after trophy at a national camp, it might not mean anything for me on a personal level ... but it means that somewhere out there, someone from another school is going to hear the words "Jacksonville State" and have one of two reactions: fear or envy. Perhaps both.

That's a much better reaction than, say, "Oh, yeah ... I remember beating the pants off those guys."

Instantly, on some subliminal

level, all things JSU take on an air of dominance in that person's mind. It doesn't matter whether the defeat was at the hands of the baseball team or the computer programming team. What matters is that we won, and they lost.

It may even be enough to give me — and my fellow Gamecock brothers and sisters — a slight edge in that mystical place called the real world.

Sure, maybe I'm reading way too much into this whole thing. Victory is seductive enough without introducing life-altering consequences into the mix.

But far be it from me to suggest that anyone wearing Gamecock red do anything but seek to crush and demoralize the opposition.

As the great Vince Lombardi once said, "Winning isn't everything. It's the only thing."

Wise words, indeed.

United Nations oversight of the Internet: A really dumb idea

By Peter A. Brown
The Orlando Sentinel (KRT)

It would be hard to think of a dumber idea than putting the United Nations in charge of the Internet, other than letting the French direct a global defense against martian invaders.

Giving the U.N. bureaucrats control over the future of international communication and commerce would be akin to putting Karl Marx in charge of stock trading at Merrill Lynch.

Marx, the father of communism who thought markets should be mothballed, could not

Brazil, India, China, South Africa and Saudi Arabia are among those unhappy with the current system, under which the Internet and access to it are overseen with a very light hand by a California-based entity.

The semiprivate, nonprofit Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers hands out Internet addresses and generally is the technological coordinator of cyberspace. ICANN, run by a board on which Americans are a minority, does not regulate content.

The Internet was created by the U.S. military in the 1960s in

aspect of modern life.

The U.S. Congress formed ICANN in 1998, when the Internet began going commercial and there was a need to coordinate its development. The legislation sets criteria, not all of which have been met, that ICANN must accomplish before it can become independent.

Because ICANN's directors are mostly from industrialized nations with previous Internet backgrounds, not surprisingly those outside that club want to use their political skills to win the ability to shape something they could not in their wildest

because all that ICANN does is collect a relatively small amount of money for addresses and to keep the traffic moving.

It has nursed the Internet on the notion of capitalism, limited government interference and embraced commercialization.

Those are principles that can get you shot by governments in many parts of the world.

It would be quite easy to imagine how giving a world government control over the Internet would restrict the information flow to avoid offending this or that political or religious sensibility.

excuse for a power grab that would give a bunch of bureaucrats the power to regulate cyberspace.

This issue is one of the few things these days on which there is common cause between the United States and most Western European countries.

Even the quasi-socialists on the continent know not to kill the goose that lays the golden egg.

Although any effort to make major strides toward U.N. Internet control apparently have been sidetracked for the Dec. 10-12 summit, the Financial



Jeremy Norman
Senior
Finance

"I plan on going home and relaxing with my family."



Matt Novak
Sophomore
Marine biology

"I'm going home to spend time with the family."



Herbert Wilkerson
Senior
Social work

"I'm going to enjoy the holidays with my family and closest friends."

should be mothballed, could not fathom the idea that the profit motive might one day produce wealth that benefits most of society.

So, too, it would be impossible for many members of the United Nations, and certainly its bureaucracy, which sees government and central planning as the font of all knowledge, to do anything but screw up the Internet.

Yet that is what some – especially in lesser-developed countries that suspect anything having too much Western influence – want to occur.

The issue is reportedly on the agenda at an international information summit next month in Switzerland.

According to the Financial Times – the U.K.-based business-oriented newspaper – initial opposition from the United States and the European community has, for now, forestalled a drive to give a U.N. agency oversight of the Internet.

the U.S. military in the 1960s in order to have a bombproof communication system in case of nuclear attack.

It evolved into a network used primarily by universities, and in the 1990s, the Internet began to sprout as an all-purpose communication system that has revolutionized virtually every

they could not in their wildest dreams have created.

Now, there may even be some here at home who believe in multilateralism to the extent that they think the United States and its friends should share their pre-eminent role.

Those who think so are nuts. The Internet has prospered

sensibility.

Those who argue that the Internet is a public resource are correct. It was even developed, to a degree, by government – actually a Pentagon agency – but it has remained generally free of government's heavy hand and has thrived because of it.

And what those of us in the United States consider the heavy hand of government is actually just a love tap compared to the way that governments run things in most of the world, and especially in those countries that favor U.N. control because it would increase their say.

Yet complaints about rising amounts of spam and viruses should not become an

10-12 summit, the Financial Times reports those pesky elves in U.N. land are hoping to keep the issue alive.

Their new goal is reportedly to try to demand that the United Nations and its minions take over the Internet when a second world information summit is scheduled in 2005.

God forbid.

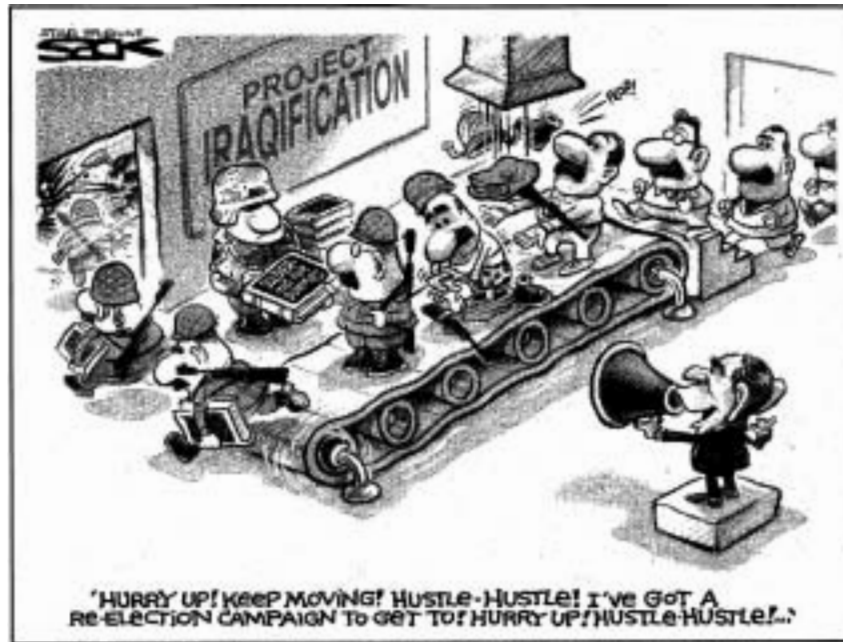
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Another voice in support of home schooling

To the editor:

This letter is in response to Mr. Gary Lewis's defamatory remarks against home-schooled students and his subliminally sabotaged readers.

I must say that I am very disappointed in your article. I have recently graduated, as a home-schooled student, in LESS THAN the usual 4 years and will be beginning my college education full-time this spring AT JACKSONVILLE UNIVERSITY with dual enrollment credits transferring and attending on a scholarship because of my test scores.

All this was possible because of the flexibility that home schooling provided for me. If I had been trapped and suffocated by the conventional and inappropriate methods of public school, as I was for the first nine years of my education, I wouldn't be as inspired to attend college as I am now, I wouldn't have started my own business at age 15, and I wouldn't have known how to operate tools and become an independent woman so that I didn't need a

MAN SUCH AS YOURSELF TO SUPPORT ME!

All this is due to the wonderfully independent nature of home schooling, not to mention the fact that I have retained what I have learned more so than my public-schooled peers. They are taught to memorize NOT LEARN this information and perform as circus seals so public schools can "earn" much coveted funding from the state.

Public schools simply cannot cater to every child's individual potential and need for assistance, particularly those children who are gifted or have ADD. For your information, I proudly say that I am both gifted and suffer from ADD. But with the option of home schooling, it didn't seem so much "suffering" as "accepted" – something I would've never been in public school. Perhaps you should do better research and open your mind before publishing your next article.

Sincerely,
Erika Bell

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JSU bands express freedom of jazz

JSU Jazz Bands II and III performed in concert on Wednesday, Nov. 12, showing off student talent. There's more to come Friday, when Jazz I takes the stage at Mason Hall.

By Erin Chupp
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Duke Ellington once called jazz "the only unhindered, unhindered expression of complete freedom yet produced in this country." The JSU music department expressed such freedom Wednesday night, Nov. 12, when Jazz Bands II and III performed in concert.

Erick Prince, director of the Jazz III ensemble, had a wonderful experience conducting his first collegiate jazz group. For Prince, the biggest highlight of the evening was that "the band enjoyed performing tonight."

This year the growth of interest in the jazz program has been phenomenal. Prince gives much credit to the talented and interactive nature of Dr. Chip Crotts, director of jazz studies, who is

only in his second full year at JSU.

Mace Hibbard, director of the second ensemble, is thrilled with this advancement. "It is truly astonishing that we were able to fill three big bands this year," he said.

For many students, the concert was their first-ever jazz performance. Prince leads many such jazz rookies in the third ensemble. In that group, students are exposed to the variety of styles that jazz has to offer.

Wednesday night the audience snapped their fingers to the saxophones featured in "Early Autumn" and moved along with the funk rhythms of "Raisin' the Roof." Prince was pleased by the performance and the band's growth from the beginning of the semester.

Hibbard was especially pleased with his band's performance on "Weird Blues" by Bob Mintzer. "It was a big challenge for the band, and it really came together

on the concert."

When Hibbard announced halfway through the concert that the next piece would include improvisation solos, a few of the Jazz II members turned pale. This freedom of expression is not unusual to hear at a jazz concert; however, Hibbard had not previously selected the improv soloists. Improv is when a player in the band solos freely, creating the music as the fingers hit the keys.

The performers were challenged to forget the gut-wrenching feelings of nervousness and play what they felt. One by one, Hibbard picked the soloists not more than three seconds before they were to play. The demonstration proved that the students are really grasping the emotion and personal freedom found in jazz. "I thought all the soloists did an outstanding job," Hibbard said.

While many of the performers were new to playing this American music style,

this was a good problem for the directors. "The best part about sharing jazz with young players is getting beyond the teaching barrier and watching the students experience the art form as it comes to life," Prince said.

Ellington once said that his "biggest kick in music-playing or writing is when I have a problem. Without a problem to solve, how much interest do you take in anything?" Getting the opportunity to expose music students to another great style is a challenge that excites both Prince and Hibbard.

There is one more chance to hear some great jazz this semester, when Jazz I, led by Dr. Crotts, will be performing Friday at 7 p.m. at Mason Hall.

So before taking the highway to find a decent concert in Atlanta or Birmingham, try exploring the talent right here at JSU. Not only is it great entertainment, but it's also close by. Better yet, it's free!

You can scream if you want to

By Katja Sunnarborg
The Chanticleer
Features Editor



Have you had that moment lately when you turn on your TV, and the first thing you see is Britney Spears either singing or telling about her life to an interviewer? For me, I think those moments are starting to happen a little too often. Britney seems to be everywhere promoting her new album, "In the Zone."

You see, I have never particularly liked Britney's music and have never really been that interested in her life either. All I know is what I see or read about her. Lately though, it seems she is on the papers and TV more than usual. I suppose this is her moment after the breakup with Justin Timberlake; now it is her turn to show that she is over it and ready to move on.

If you were home last Saturday you might have seen the show on MTV called "Britney: In the Zone and Out All Night." This one-hour special followed Britney as she made surprise visits to three clubs in New York. The night for her was full of sweating,



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JSU Drama presents Schenkkan's 'Handler'

By Holly Tucker
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

JSU's drama department is presenting a provocative play titled "Handler," written by Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Schenkkan. The play is the directorial debut of Sandra E. Lafferty.

"'Handler' involves a church that believes in handling serpents as a part of their religion," said Lafferty, "but the real story lies in a young couple named Terri and Geordie."

The play begins with Geordie being released from prison after serving time on a manslaughter charge because of the accidental death of his and Terri's young daughter, Jessie.

Geordie had killed her by

drunkenly backing his vehicle over her and her tricycle after having a fight with Terri one evening. "Geordie is just being released from prison, and the story unfolds from the events that **happen** after he **comes** back," Lafferty said.

One Sunday, Geordie decides to handle snakes at his church, partly in search of forgiveness, and gets bitten. The story that follows is a miraculous journey seeking out love and forgiveness.

"It's a very dramatically intense piece of playwriting," said Lafferty. "It is highly technical." It includes biblical metaphors with a backdrop of thunder, lightning, fire and even a burning man.

There are three main roles:

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Courtesy JSU Drama/Jan Rhodes

The JSU Drama Department presents "Handler," starting tonight at 7 on the main stage at the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center. The play will run nightly through Saturday, closing with a 2 p.m. show Sunday.

Ty shares tricks of the trade

By Elizabeth Rhodes
The Seattle Times (KRT)

All over the country people are lining up to watch a man fiddle with a toilet plunger.

"I mean, have you seen the poster?" asks Judith Chandler, events coordinator for Third Place Books in Lake Forest Park, Wash. The poster is the same photo (sans plunger) featured on the cover of the latest in a wave of home-improvement books.

Titled "Ty's Tricks," this one is written by a guy his publisher describes as a "home-improvement heartthrob."

He's Ty Pennington, star carpenter of the wildly popular decorating/reality/conflict show "Trading Spaces" that airs weekly on The Learning Channel.

"People walk in the (bookstore) door and take one look at the poster and swoon,"

Chandler says. Pennington, on a national book tour, is attracting droves of women who come to get a copy of the book, have it signed and see Ty manifest one of the projects from it: turning a toilet plunger (presumably unused) into a hanging light.

The affable Pennington took time out recently from his whirlwind cross-country tour for a phone interview.

"I've always been the class clown. I guess I find it hard to believe that people look at me the other way," he says when asked about his heartthrob status.

As for the plunger-inspired lamp, "I call it the flush light now. Most people find it interesting, but funny. But most people, when they come out to see me (in book stores), don't want me to do the whole demo. They want me to chitchat about a variety of things. The younger generation wants to know if I'll

take my shirt off, which is hilarious."

It's a handy attribute to have, Boyer points out, when women blurt out, as one did there: "I really like you in your boxers." That's a reference to one of the book's photos, a bare-chested Pennington with just a hint of underwear showing beneath his low-slung, gravity-defying carpenter's pants. Another shows him hamming it up in the shower. "I'm having a good time in my shower. I had a couple of beers," he says cheerfully.

Pennington's \$19.95 book, however, is different. Instead of being based on the show, it's based on the \$10,000 cosmetic remodel he gave his Atlanta house. (He now lives in Los Angeles.) Published by Hyperion, the book's subtext is, "home repair secrets plus cheap and easy projects to transform

clubs in New York. The night for her was full of sweating, dancing and singing to the recorded tracks, but to viewers it might have just shown what she is really about.

Right at the end of the show, the camera catches a glimpse of what reality might mean to Britney. Her face looks sad and lonely more than anything else, when she stares into nothingness. It seems like she is putting herself out there, but not getting anything back. It made me think maybe that is the real Britney — the one that never shows up in the media.

But come to think of it, how many of us really feel like chatting and smiling all the time? Sometimes we have to seem like this is what we really want to be doing, and put on a fake smile, because who would really want to know how sad you are, or how lonely you feel yourself? We ask other people how they are doing every day, but do we really want to know if the answer is anything else but "fine"?

Based on the variety of appearances Britney has made on TV that I know of, she seems like a nice girl. I think that in order for her to keep going sometimes, she needs to put on that fake smile and pretend she is enjoying her life. Still, I respect her for all she has achieved, being as young as she is. It is not easy for any 21-year-old to have her entire life in the eyes of not just the American people, but the whole world.

My mom has always said to me that sometimes it is OK to scream if you feel bad, yet I never seem to scream. I scream inside, which is not good either. I hope that Britney and other people like her, are not afraid to show it when it isn't so easy. It is not real to smile when somebody hurts you, and it is OK to admit that. Now, I don't mean for people to go screaming into the streets, but to talk to people you trust as well as to the people who cause the pain.



Courtesy The Seattle Times

Ty Pennington, the carpenter on the TV program "Trading Spaces," has packed his home improvement and decor ideas into a new book titled "Ty's Tricks."

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LINCOLN, Neb. — Jennifer Schultz-Hurt can't understand it. Neither can Lincoln police. Why would someone steal 75 wedding gowns from Schultz-Hurt's store?

Sometime between 6 p.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Tuesday, the gowns, valued at \$37,500, were taken from the Bridal Gown Outlet, said Police Capt. Terrence Sherrill.

Schultz-Hurt said neither money nor jewelry went missing. The burglars also left behind the standard, more popular dress sizes, Schultz-Hurt said. Taken were mainly sizes in the 1 to 2 range, as well as several 22-plus sizes.

"I'm baffled. I'm just so in shock," she said. "Who would do this? And for what purpose? "It is strange," Sherrill said, who added police have no suspects.

LAPORTE, Ind. — A truck driver crashed his semitrailer while trying to change clothes as he drove at 60 mph on a northern Indiana highway.

Terry Gilmore, 59, of Ohio, told investigators he had set his cruise control so he could change while driving on U.S. 6 Monday night, the LaPorte County Sheriff's Department said.

He misjudged a curve and rolled off the road and into two fences, police said. Gilmore was not seriously injured, but was taken to LaPorte Hospital as a precaution.

The crash caused officers to close a portion of the road for more than three hours. A witness told investigators she found Gilmore naked when she went to check on him right after the accident. No charges were filed, police said.

SALT LAKE CITY — A 23-year-old woman who tried to sell her extra breast milk through a classified ad says she became the butt of jokes.

The woman, who did not want to be identified because of the potential for more jabs, says she was just trying to help women who have difficulty breast-feeding.

Since having her baby two months ago, she has been producing too much milk, so she placed an ad in The Salt Lake Tribune.

Following doctors' recommendations for pumping and proper storage, she managed to save 400 ounces of breast milk. The ad, which ran Nov. 1-2, offered the frozen milk for sale at \$1 an ounce or \$350 for all of it.

Instead, she got prank phone calls, like one from a man wondering if it came in a chocolate flavor and another wanting an endless supply for protein drinks.

PORTLAND, Maine — Clothing retrieved from a regional dump in Rockport will go on display Tuesday at the Samoset Resort. The event, called The Pick of the Litter Fashion Show, is being staged as a benefit for an alternative high school program in neighboring Camden.

The clothing ranges from '50s prom dresses and a Gucci linen jacket to what show's organizer Carole Lambert described as "polyester things with colors that just don't exist in nature."

WLJS 92J's Top 10

1. Death Cab For Cutie - Transatlanticism
2. Coldplay - Live 2003
3. Campfire Girls - Tell Them Hi
4. Joe Strummer and The Mescaleros - Streetcore
5. Outkast - Speakerboxx/The Love Below
6. Working Title - Everyone Here Is Wrong [EP]
7. Something Corporate - North
8. Atmosphere - Seven's Travels
9. Twilight Singers - Blackberry Belle
10. Thursday - War All The Time

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Steven Williams as Geordie, Sara Murdock as Terri, and Chris West as Brother Bob, a snake-handling church minister.

It's done on a minimal set in a Southern world where everything is contemporary. There are 10 cast members portraying 15 parts. The play should last two hours with a brief intermission.

"This is a play that asks you to really listen, and I find that fascinating," said Lafferty. "All of the actors have really worked hard to get where they are."

"I really do encourage people to come out and see something quite different and have a good experience in the theater," she said. Due to the powerful nature of the play it is recommended for ages 13 and older.

"Handler" shows at 7 p.m. Nov. 20, 21 and 22; and at 2

Love is actually in the air

By **Katja Sunnarborg**
The Chanticleer Features Editor

Love; it is reliable, selfish, forgettable, romantic, platonic, desirable, taken for granted, fraternal, something that can crush the world and build it up again. Love is everywhere, and it reaches everyone.

"General opinion's starting to make out that we live in a world of hatred and greed, but I don't see that. Seems to me that love is everywhere," explains actor Hugh Grant's voice in the beginning of the movie "Love Actually," while shots of people arriving at Heathrow Airport flash across the screen.

It is only five weeks until Christmas in London, and love is in the air for a variety of people. There is the new prime minister (Hugh Grant) who falls in love with his new assistant (Martine McCutcheon) and can't keep her off his mind.

There's a writer (Colin Firth) who has escaped to south France to heal his broken heart. A few days after arriving, he finds himself in love with a housekeeper with whom he doesn't even share a common language.

The prime minister's sister (Emma Thompson) is a comfortably married woman, who after a Christmas party suspects that her husband (Alan Rickman) might have interest in another woman.

There is the new bride (Keira Knightley) who thinks her hus-



Courtesy Universal
Keira Knightley plays a new bride in "Love Actually," in theatres since Nov. 14. The movie celebrates the feeling of love during Christmas time.

band's best friend doesn't like her, only to find out that he is in love with her and can't help the feeling. Then a little boy who is in love with the most popular girl in his school, and his stepfather (Liam Neeson) who is trying to connect with the son he barely knows.

One of the funniest characters in the movie is that of the aging "seen it all, remember very little of it" rock star (Bill Nighy) who is making a comeback with a sappy Christmas song. He makes fun of his song and of his manager whom he seems to take for granted.

All of these are influenced by love whether it be in a good way or bad. There are relationships that are about to be born and those that are about to be broken or never even given a chance to begin. The movie follows the lines of true honesty of what love is and what it could

be. It is funny to the fullest, and yet there might be some need for tissues near the end.

The cast does its part better than any other could. Hugh Grant with his dry humor makes the movie as funny as always. But all the cast seems to work together more than could be hoped for. I don't think I would replace any of them with another actor. "Love Actually" is serious, yet hilarious at the same time.

I truly enjoyed the movie and didn't want to move my eyes from the screen. I would still like to remind that this is an R-rated movie for sexuality, nudity and language. So if you are not ready to see bare skin or hear parents curse in front of their children, don't go. But if you enjoy a good laugh and an atmosphere that can take your worries away, do go.

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any room."

In a moment of candor, however, he blurts: "What I hate is, people think, 'He's shallow.'" That's a premise no doubt born of his former profession: hunky

adding chapters about tool use and even supervising the book's graphic design. That's a direct outgrowth of the years he spent in art colleges.

"My gift is that I'm a creative problem-solver," Pennington says, mentioning how he

know is that his creative drive, plus that ever-ready sense of humor, has helped Pennington cope with a serious learning disability: Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. "If anything, ADHD in my early years was definitely a hindrance," he says. Finally, Pennington began

described as "polyester things with colors that just don't exist in nature."

"We've got about 30 people to model, some doctors, lawyers, veterinarians, people you don't associate with the dump" Lambert said.

"I was shocked at how many people wanted to wear the polyester stuff. We've got several pieces from Italian designers, from New York, but there's something about things from the '70s," she added.

The clothes all come from the Pick of the Litter Swap Shop, located in a shed at the Midcoast Solid Waste Transfer Station, which serves Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville and Hope. "It's the ultimate in recycling, really," Lambert said.

By Lasha Seniuk

Knight Ridder Newspapers (KRT)

Nov. 24-30, 2003

Aries (March 21-April 20). Early Wednesday marks the start of new lifestyle or romantic choices. In the coming weeks, loved ones will vie for your dedication and ask for bold public promises. Accept all overtures as a compliment but reserve judgment. Subtle social differences or family complications may soon need to be addressed. After Friday, a close friend or colleague may reveal private information. Offer meaningful advice. Financial restrictions and long-term addictive behaviors are highlighted.

Taurus (April 21-May 20). Outdated romantic expectations are highlighted over the next few days. Loved ones may discuss old ideals, promises or social events. Be forthcoming but watch for signs of change. After mid-December, key relationships will experience new levels of intimacy. Stay open to unexpected proposals. Late Saturday, small aches and pains in the hips, lower legs or feet may be bothersome. Get extra rest, if possible, and pamper the body. Minor afflictions will quickly fade.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Carefully consider family or romantic proposals. Before midweek, loved ones may reveal their deepest feelings or long-term intentions. Both are positive but may also be confusing. Remain quietly deter-

mined. Over the next four weeks, long-term relationships will steadily intensify. Later this week, complex financial promises are misleading. Authority figures need extra time to gather information or settle disputes. Don't push for quick answers or written agreements.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Work officials will accept your guidance. Early this week, expect complex business projects to need expert handling. Refuse to avoid personality disputes or delicate issues between colleagues. Confidence, team leadership and negotiating skills will be highly respected. After Wednesday, social differences will also be addressed. Ask old friends and romantic partners to boldly explain their values, expectations and long-term goals. You won't be disappointed.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). Early this week, long-term friendships may be complicated by nostalgic sentiments. Before Wednesday, trusted colleagues and friends will quietly evaluate their own social or romantic decisions. In the coming weeks, expect bold announcements and fast discussions. At present, loved ones may need to reaffirm their daily commitments or loyalties. After Friday, family planning and long-term purchases will require diplomacy and special timing. Stay focused on small details.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Workplace politics operate in

"Handler" shows at 7 p.m. Nov. 20, 21 and 22; and at 2 p.m. Nov 23, on the main stage of the Ernest Stone Performing Arts Center. For more information call 256-782-5648.

your favor. Late Tuesday, expect a surprising decision from key officials to restructure team assignments or improve corporate policies. Follow instructions carefully. Over the next 20 days, controversial job promotions may require special diplomacy. After Thursday, news from a distant friend or past lover arrives. Take time to fully explain your present obligations. Don't avoid serious discussions. Yesterday's promises are no longer valid.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Friends and lovers may gently probe for private opinions or new information. Before mid-December, key relationships will experience an intense period of emotional progress and controversial social planning. Respond honestly to all unusual invitations or questions. Loved ones may need to clarify romantic or group motives. Friday through Sunday, rest and complete neglected home duties. Family members may feel isolated or misunderstood. Stay open.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22). Keep public discussions on a superficial level over the next few days. At present, friends or colleagues may mask low confidence with cheerfulness and light-hearted gossip. Serious emotions are, however, at issue. Remain diplomatic and, if possible, resolve all emotional triangles. In the coming weeks, social demands will dramatically intensify. After Saturday, check legal paperwork for unexpected errors. Facts, calcu-

That's a premise no doubt born of his former profession: hunky model for J.Crew ads. He's also been an actor.

So he proudly recounts how he wrote the book himself,

lations or deadlines may be misleading.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 21). Over the next few days, ask mentors and key officials for advice or special favors. Before midweek, some Sagittarians will encounter new business or money permissions. In the coming weeks, expect rare financial opportunities and new incomes sources to also be discussed. Thursday through Saturday, a new romantic flirtation may be unusually distracting. Remain cautious, however, and watch for mildly unethical proposals. Fast decisions will be necessary. Stay alert.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20). Managers may be overly focused on outdated mistakes or past records. Over the next four days, expect an increase in silent workplace tensions or unusual comments. Take none of it personally. Colleagues and officials will accept the limits of yesterday's decisions. Tuesday through Friday also highlight strained relations in close friendships. Areas affected are social timing, canceled plans or misinformation. Ask for concrete promises and accept nothing less.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). Recently delayed business projects will move steadily forward. Early Wednesday afternoon, a sudden increase in workplace messages, detailed records or legal permissions may require constant effort. Refuse to abandon short-term duties. Key officials are evalu-

problem-solver," Pennington says, mentioning how he remodeled an Atlanta warehouse into seven apartments, on a shoestring budget.

What most of his fans don't

thing, ADHD in my early years was definitely a hindrance," he says. Finally, Pennington began taking ADHD medication in college, and success started coming his way.

Horoscopes

ating group skills and leadership abilities. After Friday, serious social and romantic discussions may cause delays. Expect 17 days of minor family conflicts, revised roles and unreliable promises.

Pisces (Feb. 20-March 20). Group business proposals or career partnerships may present unusual opportunities. Monday through Thursday, respond quickly to creative employment schemes, shared work duties or research ventures. A fresh approach to financial restrictions will soon prove helpful. After midweek, a trusted friend may explore a complex relationship. Remain detached, if possible. Age-appropriate romance, rare social triangles or long-distance love affairs may be on the agenda.

If your birthday is this week ... Revised career goals will be publicly discussed over the next eight to nine weeks. Friends, relatives or long-term partners may soon present highly lucrative alternatives to present employment. Remain cautious but finalize all financial paperwork by late January. Agreements left unsigned after mid-February will quickly become costly or complicated. Much of 2004 will bring new emotional options and business aspirations. After mid-February, an almost four-year period of financial insecurity, low self-esteem concerning employment and romantic disappointment will fade. Don't look back. This is a powerful year for advancement, social independence and passionate expression in close relationships.

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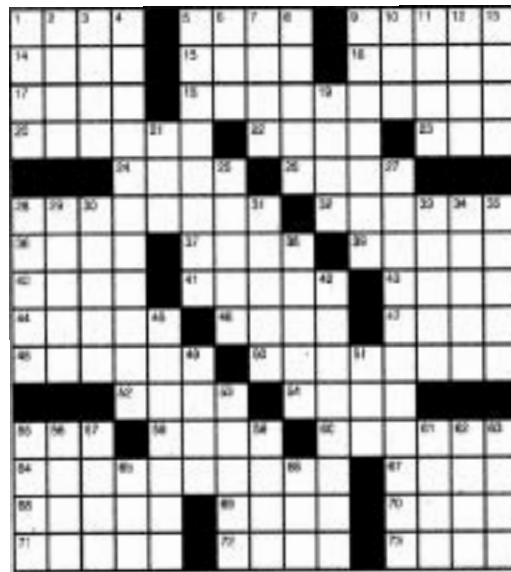
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**Pack your bags
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going to the
Show-Me state!**

By
J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer
Sports Editor



Good evening. I guess you are wondering why I brought you all here. This week is to talk about just how much fun I am going to have in Missouri.

Although it is a seven-hour drive, I don't think that I will have much of a problem with that. Just the suspense of waiting for this game to start, knowing that everything comes down to it. I really don't care too much about the Iron Bowl this year.

I really don't think that too many people do. I haven't seen as much hype as there usually is surrounding the game. I am interested because I want my team to win, but other than pride there is not too much riding on that game.

Now on the other hand, look at the JSU-SEMO game. Everything – seasons, dreams, playoff hopes, you name it – this game decides whether or not it will happen. And it proves to be a better game, too.

If anyone remembers the Samford game and just how close it really was, this game

JSU clinches share of OVC title

By **Amado Ortiz**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Local jewelry retailers will be getting a little more business now that the Jacksonville State Gamecocks have clinched at least a share of the Ohio Valley Conference with a 36-24 victory over Eastern Illinois.

JSU running back Kory Chapman rushed for an even 100 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Gamecocks matched their all-time Division I-AA win total of seven games. Chapman, one of 12 seniors honored during pre-game, has rushed for 100 yards or more in seven games this season.

The win gives the Gamecocks a 7-3 overall record with a 6-1 mark in the OVC. Jax State can win the conference title outright next week with a victory over Southeast Missouri.

"This is a great reward for a great effort by a lot of players

and coaches," Crowe said as fireworks lit up the sky following JSU's first conference championship since 1992. "I think you can look at this team and know that it's a pretty good team. Our senior leadership is clearly where this championship team is built."

Chapman opened the scoring for the game with a 12-yard touchdown run at the 13:23 mark in the first quarter. The scoring run capped a three-play, 28-yard drive that began when JSU's Jeremy Wilson recovered an EIU fumble. Steven Lee's extra point gave the Gamecocks a 7-0 lead.

Less than one minute later, the Gamecocks extended their lead to 14-0 when Darrell Prater blocked an EIU punt and Clay Green recovered it in the end zone for Jax State. The punt block was Prater's third of the season and the Gamecocks' sixth as a team.

The Panthers got on the

scoreboard with 8:40 left in the first quarter. Quarterback Andrew Harris found Dawanzel Hopson for a 13-yard strike to cut the lead to 14-6. JSU's DeWayne Cuffie, however, protected the team's eight-point lead by blocking the PAT.

The JSU offense responded in the early moments of the second quarter. Chapman picked up his second touchdown of the night with a 15-yard scamper up the middle to give the Gamecocks a 20-6 advantage after a failed extra-point attempt.

An Eastern Illinois fumble on the ensuing kickoff set Jax State up for its next score. Neika Willis scooped up the fumble, which was forced by Kenny Brown, to give the Gamecocks a first-and-10 at the EIU 41-yard line. Five plays later, Marcus Mitchell ran up the middle for a three-yard touchdown. The PAT put JSU on top,

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Maurice Mullins drops back to pass against EIU during Saturday's game. The Gamecocks defeated the Panthers, 36-24, to clinch at least a share of the OVC title.

JSU enters tourney with bye

Gamecocks easily sweep Samford and Tennessee State, earn second seed for upcoming OVC tournament

By **Mike Vaughan II**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer



Rhodes picks up third OVC Special Teams Player-of-the-Week nod

By **Mike Vaughan II**
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

On Sunday, only one day after clinching a share of the Ohio Valley Conference championship, Jacksonville State's Richie Rhodes was named the OVC Special Teams Player



close it really was, this game is going to be about 10 times as intense as that game was. This SEMO team is not afraid to throw the ball, but can't stop the run. It's basically going to be a race to see who can score the most, or better yet, just who scores last to win the game.

And they have a pretty decent punter so we can't rely on Rhodes to get us out of a jam, because he can put us back in one. We are a larger threat to block kicks, though. And I have a question. Why wouldn't you at least try to block Darrell Prater?

But anyways, back to the matter at hand. The two best defenses in the conference are going up against each other. They have two quarterbacks, as do we, but they play their second on a regular basis. Offensively they are a mystery other than they pass.

Don't look for JSU to pass much at all in this game. Option Option Option. Keep it on the ground and control the momentum. That's really all JSU has to do.

I would love to see a national title. And remember, folks. When you get to the playoffs, everyone is equal.

So for the predictions this week. I have already said that Bama will beat Auburn, but not by much. JSU has to come up with some way to get a miracle and stop the SEMO passing game. I don't think that we are outgunned like we were at Samford. That guy was a hell of a receiver.

I think that we the students and loyal fans of JSU will get what we have been waiting 10 years for: An outright championship and playoff berth.

JSU 52, SEMO 45.

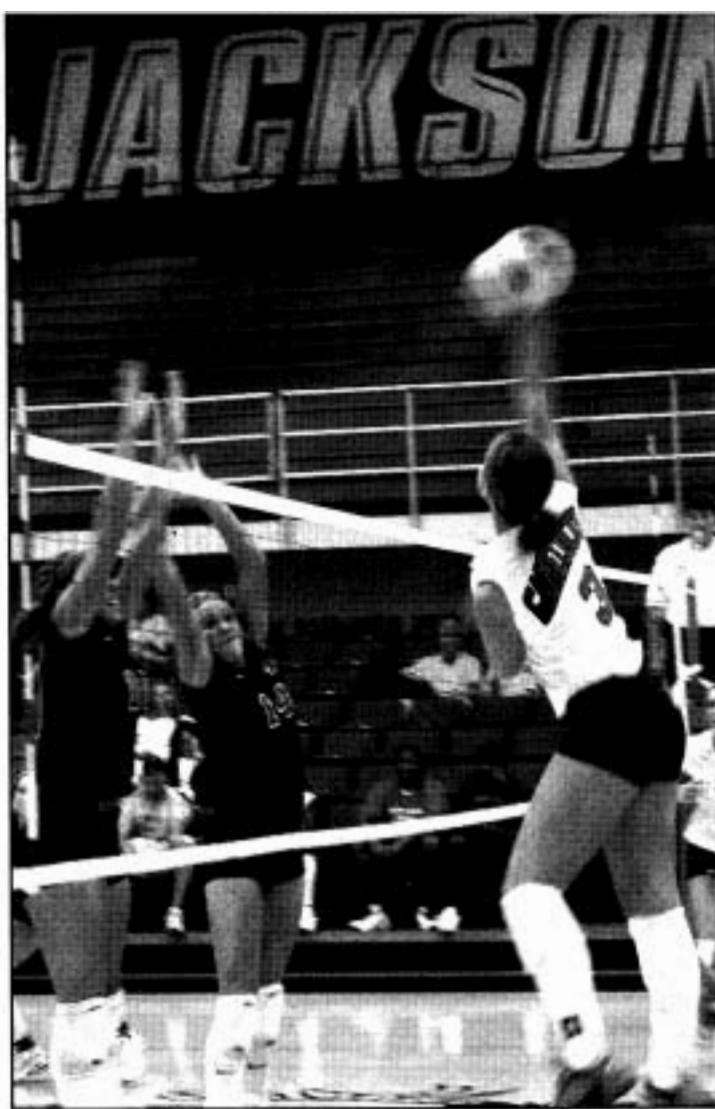
Jacksonville State wrapped up its regular season at home this week, with two matches against conference opponents. The Gamecocks were looking to wrap up second place for the conference tournament, and they did so with a pair of sweeps, over Samford, 3-0, on Wednesday and over Tennessee State, 3-0, on Saturday for Senior Day.

The first match was a rivalry match against Samford, and JSU was determined not to lose a game. They accomplished that with wins of 30-28, 30-26 and 30-17. The win pushed JSU to 22-7 on the year and 11-4 in the Ohio Valley Conference, while Samford fell to 11-17 and 5-10 in the OVC, eliminating them from playoff consideration.

Game one saw JSU open a 27-22 lead, but Samford fought back to narrow the gap to 29-28, before JSU closed the door, winning 30-28. JSU managed a .342 attack percentage while holding Samford to .222. JSU was led in kills in the game by **Shari Weyer** and **Suzi Terrell** who each had five.

The second game was the definition of a see-saw battle. After a JSU 9-8 lead, the teams exchanged the next eight points before JSU could put a four-point streak together to lead by five. The rest of the game was just as back-and-forth as the gap was only narrowed by one, 30-26 being the final. Jessica Starck led in kills with six, while Christina Cary added five. Emily Withers recorded 15 assists, and libero Kisha West added five digs.

The third and final game completely deflated the Bulldogs, as one could visibly notice the slowdown in play as JSU out-hit them .414 to .074, to take the game, 30-17. The Gamecocks jumped out to an early 10-2 lead and never slowed down, with 5-2 and 4-1 runs to follow. For the match Starck led the team in kills with 15, followed by Cary and Terrell with 14 each. Weyer led



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Suzi Terrell goes for a kill during a game earlier in the year. The volleyball team finished out the year with two wins, securing the second seed in the tournament. Their first game is Friday.

in attack percentage with .647. Withers totaled 43 assists, and West led with 11 digs followed by Withers' nine.

The final game of the regular season came on Saturday on Senior Day against the Tigers of Tennessee State. The Tigers were badly outgunned and fell rather easily Saturday afternoon at Pete Mathews Coliseum, 30-18, 30-14 and 30-18. With the win, JSU improved to 23-7 overall and 12-4 in the OVC, ending the 2003 regular season campaign with the best regular season winning percentage in Gamecock history (.767). TSU dropped to 7-25 and only 1-11 in the OVC. JSU held the Lady Tigers to a .000 hitting percentage in the win and TSU had only 19 total kills in the match, while Jacksonville State recorded 41 kills on the day as a team.

Jacksonville State's Emily Withers led the Gamecocks with a double-double, with 15 kills and 12 digs, while Christina Cary had 12 kills with only two errors on 20 attempts. Jennifer Brenneman added 10 digs and four service aces, and Meredith Duke bumped a team high 20 assists to celebrate Senior Day.

The Gamecocks will enjoy a first-round bye as the No. 2-seed in the league championships in their first year as a member of the OVC and will travel to Morehead, Ky. for the postseason tournament this weekend. They will play the winner of the No. 3 Southeast Missouri vs. No. 6 Murray State winner at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, and the winner advances to the title game the next day.

Jacksonville State's Richie Rhodes was named the OVC Special Teams Player of the Week.



Rhodes finished with three punts for a 46.7 yard average, including a 58-yard punt in the first quarter, to help the No. 19-ranked Gamecocks to a 36-24 OVC win over Eastern Illinois and clinch the school's first conference title since 1992. Rhodes has 53 punts on the season for 2,287 yards, averaging 40.8 per kick. That average is tied for the conference lead with Dave Simonhoff of Southeast Missouri State, this week's opponent.

Rhodes, a two-time All-American punter for the Gamecocks, becomes the first player in the OVC to earn Special Teams Player-of-the-Week honors three times this season. Rhodes has earned six conference Player-of-the-Week awards over his career.

The Alexander City, Ala., native leads the Gamecocks as they travel to Cape Girardeau, to face Southeast Missouri State for a winner-takes-all showdown between the two teams for the OVC's automatic berth in the NCAA I-AA Playoffs. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m. and the game will be broadcast locally on WJLS-FM 92-J.

Crowe knows what has to be done Saturday

By J. Wilson Guthrie
The Chanticleer Sports Editor

Jacksonville State's head coach Jack Crowe knows what he is up against. He also knows what his team has overcome to get the top spot in the Ohio Valley Conference. His team knows what has to be done to win the OVC outright.

The question is: can they do it?

"I think that these players have learned how to win," said Crowe. "They have learned how important each aspect of the game is - not just their own individual productivity."

And after starting the season 1-2 with losses to D-II North Alabama and I-A Kansas, things weren't looking good for the men in red and white. But huge wins at Tennessee State and Samford and last week's win against defending OVC champs Eastern Illinois have set the Gamecocks on a pretty nice roost.

"We accomplished seven wins," said Crowe. "We have turned around a slow start and

put together a streak of wins. We have won on the road, and we have won rival games, but we are now entering into a new place."

And that place is a championship game. The last time JSU played for a championship was in 1992, the year JSU won a national championship - a season that is being mentioned a lot this year.

JSU takes on Southeast Missouri, who, like Samford, has everything to win and nothing to lose. SEMO has no share of the title right now, with JSU having only one loss. But with a win Saturday, they can claim a share of the title and the OVC's bid to the I-AA playoffs. JSU clinched at least a share of the title with their win over EIU but needs the win at SEMO to win outright.

"I think this is probably the ultimate challenge for any football team," said Crowe. "Any time you win a championship, you make a statement. You can truly call this week's game a

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Defining statements from JSU's Suzi Terrell

By Mike Vaughan II
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

Some people seem to define certain statements. Some are "pretty as a picture," "busy as a bee," or "dumb as a brick." My profile this week features a person who defines "let your play do the talking," as she is definitely a soft-spoken girl, but deadly on the court.

Suzi Terrell played in 105 games for JSU this season, and recorded 277 kills, 33 assists, five aces, 63 digs and 41 blocks on the regular season, and her 305.5 points were fourth on the team.

She credits her high school volleyball coach for her success. "He's been with me since seventh grade, and really got me started,"

Terrell said. "He worked with me and helped me get the scholarship to Cincinnati." Her JSU influence came from an unusual source, however. "Actually, Kisha West helped me come here," she said. "She was my best friend in high school, and we kept in touch even when I went to Cincy. She helped me out and that's why I came here."

Terrell believes her strengths are all on offense. "Offense, definitely, because that's all I do," she said. "My job is to put the ball down and be strong on the attack."

The three-to-an-island question was a little challenging for her. "Kisha would be the first," she said. "She's my best friend, and I

don't know what I'd do without her. I can cook myself, so that's covered. Have to bring Nelly, because he's my favorite rapper, and he could sing and rap all day. Then I'd have to bring Marilyn Monroe, because I've always wanted to meet her, and I'd like to sit there and talk to her."

The funniest player on the team also gave her trouble, "because, we're all funny, myself included," she said. "Probably Chrissy overall, because she always cracks everyone up, and she's real-

ly goofy."

In the OVC tournament, she feels confident. "We really believe we can (win)," Terrell said. "We've worked really hard, and we know we can beat all the

teams there, including Morehead, so our expectations are pretty high." On a possible first-round NCAA win she was optimistic.

"If we get a team like USC, Cal or Hawaii, those are obviously big-name schools," she said. "I went last year with Cincinnati, so being there with a huge crowd was a big thrill."

"I know they're really corny, but I like the story lines and the guys ... are hot"

• Suzi Terrell
on soap operas

Terrell is a marketing major and would like to be a fashion merchandising agent in New York after she graduates, but she does not really see coaching as a future option. What she does see is having a good job, with Nike or Tommy Hilfiger possibly. When asked about a husband, she replied, "If it happens, it happens. I'm not going to limit myself and say yes, and get let down when I don't. I definitely don't know about kids."

Her favorite movie is "Old School," "because we (the volleyball team) still quote that movie because it's hilarious." The music she enjoys is Nelly, ColdPlay and Justin Timberlake, but not

N*Sync. She also commented on the Timberlake-Spears saga. "They really need to go back out," she said. "They were meant to be together and are good for each other." Her favorite pastime, not surprisingly, is shopping, and her favorite vacation spot is Hawaii, "because of the beaches and everything's pretty. Also, my sister lives there, and I'm going to see her this summer."

Her reality fave is "The Bachelorette," because of having to pick "all the good-looking guys." She's also into "Days of Our Lives" and "Passions." "I know they're really corny, but I like the storylines, and the guys on 'Days of Our Lives' are hot," she said.

Gamecock Notes

By Amado Ortiz
The Chanticleer Staff Writer

'I just need one more ...'

A victory over Southeast Missouri State on Saturday would not only give Jacksonville State its first conference championship since moving to the NCAA Division I-AA level in 1993, it would also lock up a spot in the upcoming I-AA playoffs. The Ohio Valley Conference champion is one of eight teams with an automatic bid to the 16-team playoff. Eight at-large bids are selected to make an appearance. The last time JSU played in the postseason was in 1992, when the Gamecocks won the Gulf South Conference title and went on to win the NCAA Division II National Championship.

'I'm on top of the world!'

Jacksonville State can be found atop the Ohio Valley Conference standings in several key categories. Besides the win-loss category, in which the Gamecocks are alone in first place, JSU also leads the league in five major categories including rushing



JSU Sports Standings



Volleyball

	OVC				OVERALL			
	W-L	PCT.	Stk.		W-L	PCT.	Stk.	
Morehead State	14-2	.875	W2		21-9	.700	W2	
Jacksonville State	12-4	.750	W5		23-7	.767	W6	
Eastern Kentucky	10-6	.625	L2		21-12	.636	L1	
Austin Peay	10-6	.625	W2		15-15	.500	W2	
SEMO	10-6	.625	L2		11-18	.379	L2	
Murray State	9-7	.563	W7		15-11	.577	W7	
Samford	6-10	.375	W1		13-17	.433	W2	
Eastern Illinois	6-10	.375	L1		9-23	.281	L1	
Tennessee Tech	5-11	.313	L4		10-19	.345	L4	
Tennessee-Martin	5-11	.313	W1		7-25	.219	W1	
Tennessee State	1-15	.063	L11		7-25	.219	L9	

Football

	OVC	PF	PA	Overall	PF	PA	Stk.
Jacksonville State	6-1	256	144	7-3	287	216	W5
Eastern Kentucky	5-2	228	190	6-5	320	338	W3
Southeast Missouri	5-2	222	185	5-6	245	268	W3
Samford	4-3	241	174	6-4	333	262	L1
Tennessee State	4-3	241	174	6-5	313	275	L2
Eastern Illinois	3-4	148	170	4-7	196	251	L1
Murray State	3-4	158	217	4-7	215	303	W1
Tennessee Tech	1-6	169	221	2-8	231	313	L6
Tennessee-Martin	1-7	164	286	2-10	198	439	L6

ry, in which the Gamecocks are alone in first place, JSU also leads the league in five major categories including rushing offense (255 yards per game), rushing defense (101 yards per game), scoring defense (22 points per game), punting (41 yards per kick) and turnover margin (plus-15). No other school in the OVC leads the conference in as many categories.

Climb to glory

JSU wide receiver Ralph Jenkins climbed another spot on the Gamecocks' all-time receiving list during last Saturday's home win over Eastern Illinois. One week after climbing from fourth to third on the school's all-time touchdown reception list with 17, the senior from Defuniak Springs, Fla., caught two passes for 19 yards to take over fourth place on the Gamecocks' all-time pass reception yards list. Jenkins now has 1,646 receiving yards, passing Ronald Bonner for fourth place. Jenkins currently trails third place Donald Young by only four yards.

Why even try?

During Jacksonville State's 36-24 win over Eastern Illinois last Saturday, the Gamecocks blocked three kicks on the night. JSU blocked two extra-point attempts and a punt, bringing the team's block total for the season to eight. Darrell Prater leads the team with three punt blocks on the season. Five other Gamecocks have recorded one block each in either punting or field goal situations this season.

It's been a long time coming

"I think this is probably the ultimate challenge for any football team. We have accomplished seven wins. We have turned around a slow start and put together a streak of wins. We have won on the road and we have won rival games, but we are now entering a new place. We will be playing for a championship on the road."

— Coach Crowe

Tennessee-Marion 5-11 .313 W1
Tennessee State 1-15 .063 L11

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championship game."

And JSU has another hurdle. They will be traveling to Houck Stadium, home of the Indians. Two of JSU's three losses have come on the road and Crowe realizes the advantage given to SEMO.

"The teams know what to expect; both teams are playing for the same thing," said Crowe. We will be playing in their environment, so they should have every advantage."

And with 19 starters back and a preseason pick to win the conference, SEMO will not be pushovers. A pass-heavy team, with two competent quarterbacks and a defense that is ranked third in the conference, SEMO brings a lot to the table.

"We understand what is at stake and know what we have to do to win this football game," said Crowe. "I think we all realize we need maximum point production on offense as well as a strong defensive outing."

The Gamecocks take the field Saturday at 1 p.m. with the game broadcast on WLJS 91.9.



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JSU tight end Danny Tillery blocks an EIU player during Saturday's game against the Panthers. The Gamecocks rumbled for 243 yards on the ground, while holding the Panther running game to only 57 yards.

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27-6.

The Panthers were able to cut into the lead at the end of the first half with a 14-play, 56-yard drive climaxing with a one-yard touchdown pass on fourth-and-goal. A failed two-point conversion attempt left the score at 27-12 at the half.

The Gamecocks added to their lead on their first drive of the second half. Mullins capped a five-play, 50-yard drive with a 32-yard keeper around left end. A failed

PAT made the score 33-12 with 11:08 to play in the third quarter.

EIU pulled to within 33-18 with an 18-yard touchdown pass with 32 seconds left in the third period before the Gamecocks recorded their second blocked extra point of the night. A five-yard touchdown pass by the Panthers made the score 36-24 after Lee wrapped up the JSU

scoring with a 35-yard field goal.

EIU's Harris finished the game 33-for-48 for 289 yards and three touchdowns. Mullins finished the

night 8-of-15 for 66 yards through the air.

"You can truly call this week's game a championship game," Crowe said. "To be able to play this type of game on the road is the highest degree of football anyone can get. It is the greatest challenge a football team can be presented with."

Jax State will travel to Southeast Missouri next week to play for the OVC title and a berth in the NCAA Division I-AA playoffs. Kickoff is set for 1 p.m.



Southerners perform final full show of regular season with 'Night at the Opera'

Right: The JSU color guard helps the Southerners pay tribute to veterans during Saturday night's halftime performance. The Southerners show included classic Southerners songs as well as a guest performance by the Atlanta Pipe Band. Selections included "Scotland the Brave," "Amazing Grace" and the classic Sousa march "Stars and Strips Forever."

Left: Not only do the Southerners perform at halftime, they do their best to keep the Gamecock crowd in the game and support the team. The music department not only supplies bands for football games, but also features the award-winning HardCorps pep band, who perform at men's and women's basketball games.

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